GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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ALTERNATE ROUTE TO KAILASH MANSAROVAR
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the route for pilgrimage to Kailash Mansarovar via Laddakh is more comfortable and smooth than the existing one;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the proposal to make this route available for pilgrims; and

(c) the efforts made by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a)-(c) The pilgrimage route to Kailash Mansarovar from Ladakh is not presently open. Government have discussed with China the issue of opening additional routes for pilgrims to Kailash Mansarovar including through Ladakh.